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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: WT Docket 11-65


Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am the mayor of Harlem, Georgia, a small town of about 3,000 residents with a long and colorful history. It is the future of Harlem that motivates me to write you in support of the T-Mobile – AT&T merger, which the commission is now reviewing.

Harlem and other communities like ours would be major beneficiaries of the expanded wireless broadband coverage AT&T has pledged to provide nationwide if the merger is approved. As a member of the Columbia County Development Authority and the owner of a family business that has served this area for over 60 years, I am acutely aware of the critical importance advanced broadband connections have for economic development.

The 4G LTE wireless network that AT&T is proposing for over 97 percent of the United States population makes it practical to deploy in sparsely populated areas like ours. AT&T is prepared to make its investment of more than \$8B in network infrastructure over seven years pending approval of the merger. This is an opportunity to use private capital to advance the nation's goal of equal access to broadband technology.

Sincerely,


Robert W. Culpepper
Mayor

CC: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

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